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Fire in Lorton Damages Four Town Homes

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel responded to a reported townhouse fire at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2004. The incident is located at 7600-7606 Southern Oak Drive in the Newington/Lorton area. First arriving units reported heavy fire showing from the rear of the complex.

The fire had spread to adjoining town homes, involving a total of three units in heavy fire conditions. A second and third alarm was struck, bringing over 70 firefighters and paramedics to the scene.

During firefighting operations, two Fairfax County firefighters received burn-related injuries and were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and Washington Hospital Center's Burn Unit respectively. The injuries are non life-threatening.

In addition to the three heavily damaged town homes, a fourth unit sustained damage from fire, smoke, and water. A total of nine adult occupants have been displaced. The American Red Cross is assisting.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Preliminary damages are estimated at \$800,000.

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